

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of June, 1983.

H. B. 943**CHAPTER 507**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CONTAMINATION OR ADULTERATION OR OTHER INTENTIONAL TAMPERING WITH THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes of North Carolina is amended to add a new section as follows:

“§ 14-150. *Contaminating a public water system.*—(a) A person commits the offense of contaminating a public water system, as defined in G.S. 130-166.41(12), if he willfully or wantonly:

(1) Contaminates, adulterates or otherwise impurifies or attempts to contaminate, adulterate or otherwise impurify the water in a public water system, including the water source, with any toxic chemical, biological agent or radiological substance that is harmful to human health, except those added in approved concentrations for water treatment operations; or

(2) Damages or tampers with the property or equipment of a public water system with the intent to impair the services of the public water system.

(b) Any person who commits the offense defined in this section is guilty of a Class I felony.”

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

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H. B. 989**CHAPTER 508**

AN ACT TO MAKE UNLAWFUL THE UNAUTHORIZED RECONNECTION OF A LAWFULLY DISCONNECTED UTILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-151.1 is amended by inserting in the heading of that statute between the semicolon and the word “civil” the phrase “unlawful reconnection of electricity, gas, or water;”.

Sec. 2. G.S. 14-151.1 is further amended by adding a new subsection to read:

“(b1) It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to reconnect electricity, gas, or water connections or otherwise turn back on one or more of those utilities when they have been lawfully disconnected or turned off by the provider of the utility.”

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

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